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SUBJECT: ILO: CANDIDACY OF CANADIAN DELEGATE MORRIS FOR CHAIRMAN
OF GOVERNING BODY

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1. LABATT CALLED ON LABOR MINISTRY'S DEPUTY VICE MINISTER FOR INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS IWATA APRIL 25 TO CONVEY US POSITION ON MORRIS CANDIDACY, AS OUTLINED REF A. IWATA, WHILE EXPRESSING APPRECIATION FOR PROMPT AND CLEAR-CUT REPLY TO HIS INQUIRIES, SAID THAT ASIAN GROUP, INCLUDING JAPAN, HAS TWO PROBLEMS WITH MORRIS CANDIDACY. IN FIRST PLACE, ELECTION OF WORKER DELEGATE AS CHAIRMAN OF GOVERNING BODY GOES AGAINST ILO TRADITION OF ELECTING "NEUTRAL" GOVERNMENT REPRESENTATIVE WHO PRESUMABLY MEDIATES BETWEEN EMPLOYER AND WORKER. IT ALSO OPENS UP POSSIBILITY THAT EMPLOYER GROUP MAY IN FUTURE INSIST ON ITS CANDIDATE ASSUMING CHAIRMANSHIP. SUCH A DEVELOPMENT, ACCORDING TO IWATA, WOULD ITSELF HAVE IMPLICATIONS FOR CONCEPT OF TRI-PARTITISM. SECONDLY, IF MORRIS ELECTED "SUI GENERIS" AND A NORTH AMERICAN GOVERNMENT REP ELECTED IN 1978, ASIAN GOVERNMENT GROUP WOULD HAVE TO WAIT UNTIL 1981 TO CLAIM GB CHAIRMANSHIP. THIS POSSIBILITY DISTURBS CERTAIN ILO ASIAN MEMBERS WHO ARE ARRANGING TO OBTAIN SEATS ON GB PRECISELY IN ORDER TO COMPETE
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FOR ASIAN GROUP ENDORSEMENT OF THEIR CANDIDATE FOR CHAIRMAN IN 1980.

2. COMMENT: IWATA'S REMARKS INDICATE THAT GOJ, AND PRESUMABLY OTHER ASIANS, STILL TAKING NEGATIVE VIEW OF MORRIS CANDIDACY AND MAY OPPOSE HIM IF REGIONAL ROTATIONAL PRINCIPLE NOT INTERPRETED TO THEIR SATISFACTION.

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